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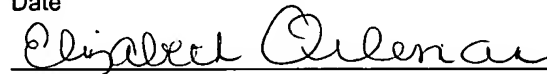
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For: INSULATION PRODUCT HAVING BICOMPONENT FIBER FACING LAYER
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§ 1.56 in connection with the above-identified application, which statement is being filed:

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[37 CFR § 1.97(c)]

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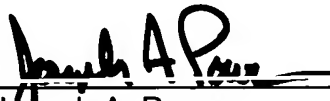
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Respectfully submitted,

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